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U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE NAMES IDAHO WOLF RECOVERY COORDINATOR

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced the selection of Carter Niemeyer as the Idaho Wolf Recovery Coordinator today. Niemeyer replaces Roy Heberger, who retired in July after 33 years of service.

Niemeyer earned both his B.A. and M.A. degrees in wildlife biology from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. He began his wildlife career in Montana in 1973 with the Montana Department of Livestock conducting a rabies suppression program in northeast Montana. Niemeyer served as Western District Supervisor for Wildlife Services (formerly Animal Damage Control) in Helena, Montana, from 1975 to 1991. He has been the Wolf Management Specialist in the Northwest Region for USDA Wildlife Services in Helena, Montana since 1991.

Niemeyer is no stranger to wolf recovery. He was a member of the 1994 Wolf EIS Team and was assigned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to capture Canadian wolves for the Yellowstone and Idaho wolf reintroductions in 1995-96. He has been involved with wolf reintroduction and recovery in the Northern Rockies ever since. "Carter has been a leader in community relations. He has developed excellent working relationships with those who are affected by wolf recovery, and he brings an extensive background in wolf control technology and livestock depredation investigation. We are looking forward to Carter's continued leadership in Idaho," said Robert Ruesink, Supervisor of the Snake River Basin Office. Niemeyer will report for duty on September 11, 2000.

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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 93-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System comprised of more than 500 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands, and other special management areas. It also operates 66 national fish hatcheries, 64 fish and wildlife management assistance offices and 78 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces Federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state wildlife agencies.